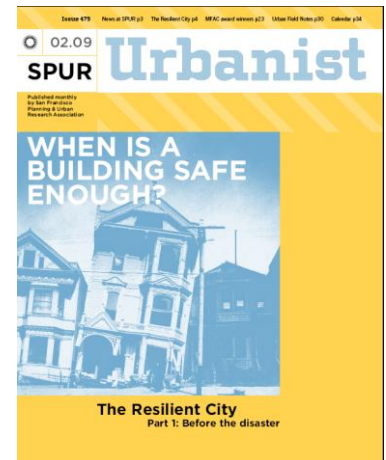


## SEISMIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: “THE RESILIENT WASHINGTON STATE” INITIATIVE

### **Background:**

- The project is based upon the San Francisco Urban Planning and Research Association (SPUR) Initiative, entitled “*The Resilient City*”, which examines the current state of resilience to a scenario quake in San Francisco.
- The Resilient City Initiative consists of three (3) reports: Before the Disaster, Disaster Response, and After the Disaster.
- Four (4) major policy sections are addressed within the first report:
  - 1) Defining Resilience – Defining what we need from our seismic mitigation policies.
  - 2) The Dilemma of Existing Buildings – Private ownership, public risk.
  - 3) Building it Right the First Time – Improving the seismic performance of new buildings.
  - 4) Lifelines – Upgrading infrastructure to enhance earthquake resilience.
- “Part 1. Before the Disaster” was published in the February 2009 issue of the SPUR magazine, “Urbanist”. Other reports are in process.  
([http://www.spur.org/documents/020109\\_article\\_01.shtm](http://www.spur.org/documents/020109_article_01.shtm))



### **Resilient Washington State (RWS) Initiative: Project Overview:**

The RWS Initiative is a strategic planning process for achieving state-level resilience with respect to earthquake hazards. The planning process will identify actions and policies before, during, and after an earthquake event that can leverage existing policies, plans and initiatives to realize community disaster resilience within a 50-year life cycle. The Resilient Washington State plan will identify means to coordinate agencies, public-private partnerships, and standards towards this same goal.

The RWS Subcommittee of the Washington State Seismic Safety Committee has been working to formulate the framework for this initiative since late 2009 and has obtained funding from FEMA for a staff position to help organize the effort and edit the documents that will be produced. It is anticipated that several workshops will be held in the late summer to fall time frame during 2010 to solicit other input and form subgroups that will tackle specific subject areas, such as transportation, socioeconomic issues, lifelines, and buildings. Stakeholders from various federal, state, and tribal organizations as well as private industry and special purpose districts will be invited to participate in these workshops and contribute to this one-of-a-kind effort.

A primary goal of the project is to provide a lasting foundation for future seismic policy implementation for Washington State and the duration of The Resilient Washington State project is expected to last 2 - 3 years.